

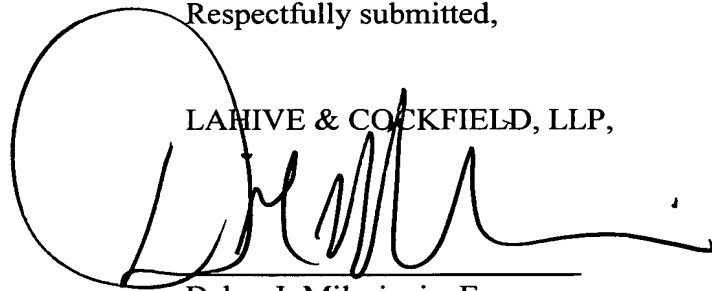
REMARKS

Prior to examination of this application, please amend the antecedent basis for claim 7. The foregoing amendments introduce no new matter.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and Applicants request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this matter. If there are any remaining issues or the Examiner believes that a telephone conversation with Applicants' Attorney would be helpful in expediting prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (617) 227-7400.

Respectfully submitted,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to Debra J. Milasincic, is written over the text of the law firm.

LAHIVE & COCKFIELD, LLP,

Debra J. Milasincic, Esq.
Reg. No. 46,931
Attorney for Applicants

28 State Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02109
Telephone: (617) 227-7400
Facsimile: (617) 742-4214

Date: **January 3, 2005**